GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Bullet Proof Jackets
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to supply Night Vision Devices and Bullet Proof Jackets along with State of the art walkie-talkies for special task forces and police in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of schemes and projects implemented by the Government to provide such gadgets to police forces in the country; and

(d) the total amount allocated, disbursed and spent in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): Since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects as per the Constitution, responsibility of equipping the State police forces with appropriate equipment and gadgets lies with the State Governments. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing central assistance to the tune of 60% or 90%, depending upon the category to which a

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particular State belongs, under the Modernisation of Police Forces(MPF) scheme to strengthen police infrastructure. Under this Scheme, State Governments formulate their State Action Plans(SAPs) every year as per their requirements and their strategic priorities. State Governments include proposals of procurement of Night Vision Devices(NVDs), Bullet Proof Jackets and walkie-talkies under their SAPs.

So far as Central Armed Police Forces are concerned, these Forces have been provided modern and latest surveillance equipment, Protective Gears and Communication Equipment such as NVDs, Bullet Proof Jackets, Walkie-Talkies, etc., as per their requirement projected by them from time to time under their regular budget as well as Modernisation Plan-II.

(d) Statement showing Funds allocated and released to various State Govts. under MPF Scheme during last three years and the current year, i.e., 2016-17 and Statement of allocation and release of funds for Megacity Policing are at Annexure-I and Annexure- II respectively.

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